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Country programme documents

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* that the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Albania, Belize, Brazil, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, the Gambia, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Oman, Peru, Thailand, Sao Tome and Principe and Viet Nam and the multi-country programme documents for the Eastern Caribbean (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Turks and Caicos Islands) and Guyana and Suriname (E/ICEF/2016/P/L.12-E/ICEF/2016/P/L.36) were made available to Member States for their comments and input from 21 June to 11 July 2016, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1 on modifications to procedures for consideration and approval of country programme documentation;

2. *Approves* on a no-objection basis, and in accordance with decision 2014/1, the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Albania, Belize, Brazil, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, the Gambia, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Oman, Peru, Thailand, Sao Tome and Principe and Viet Nam and the multi-country programme documents for the Eastern Caribbean (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Turks and Caicos Islands) and Guyana and Suriname (E/ICEF/2016/P/L.12-E/ICEF/2016/P/L.36).

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Review of UNICEF experience in high-income countries and in countries transitioning from upper-middle-income to high-income status

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the review prepared by UNICEF;

2. *Reiterates* the importance of focusing the majority of UNICEF support on least developed countries, wherein least developed countries must receive at least 60 per cent of regular resources and the countries of sub-Saharan Africa at least 50 per cent of regular resources, as described in Executive Board decision 1997/18, and notes that UNICEF programming in low- and middle-income countries should be agreed without requiring fundraising from those countries, although such fundraising should be explored and encouraged;

3. *Welcomes* the important contribution of UNICEF and National Committees for UNICEF to results for disadvantaged children in high-income countries, taking note of the relevance of such work to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Sustainable Development Goals;

4. *Notes* that UNICEF engagement in high-income countries can contribute to increased and diversified funding for the entire organization, and also notes the importance of ensuring financial sustainability, in line with decision 2015/3;

5. *Also notes* the heterogeneity of high-income countries and invites UNICEF to continue to use the most appropriate engagement approach to contribute to results in favour of the most disadvantaged children, depending upon the context in any given high-income country, such as working with other United Nations agencies, working with National Committees, working through UNICEF country offices and programmes, working through multi-country offices and programmes,

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working through the Global and Regional Programme or, subject to approval by the Executive Board, other approaches as may be developed and tested;

6. *Reiterates* its invitation to UNICEF and countries having transitioned to high-income status to develop country programme documents or multi-country programme documents for consideration and decision by the Executive Board, when a continued country programme presence is jointly identified by the Government and UNICEF as the most appropriate engagement approach, taking into account (a) the importance of responding to the country context; and (b) the importance of ensuring that programme investments in countries having transitioned to high-income status lead to net increases in programme resources available for least developed countries, low-income countries and middle-income countries;

7. *Notes* the existing guidelines for country programme documents, and encourages the exploration of possible scenarios for other appropriate engagement approaches and financial sustainability over time in these documents for countries having transitioned to high-income status;

8. *Encourages* UNICEF to consider multiple dimensions of child well-being as the organization prepares its assessment of the resource allocation system for consideration by the Executive Board in February 2017, taking into account the Sustainable Development Goal target to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement the gross domestic product, and noting that the current UNICEF policy for the allocation of regular resources for programmes considers the child population, the under-five mortality rate and the gross national income per capita;

9. *Requests* UNICEF to take into consideration and reflect the experiences and lessons learned in high-income countries when developing the new UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, in line with the forthcoming quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

10. *Also requests* UNICEF to include in the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 an assessment of its engagement in high-income countries, in consultation with the Executive Board, taking into account lessons learned and including an analysis of financial sustainability;

11. *Further requests* that the issue be reported on in the structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 and requests UNICEF to regularly provide disaggregated data for different country contexts on resources spent and funding received from or generated through activities in these different contexts.

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Extensions of ongoing country programmes

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the two-month extension of the country programme for Haiti; the first one-year extension of the area programme for Palestinian children and women in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the State of Palestine; and the first one-year extension of the country programme for the Sudan, which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in table 1 in document E/ICEF/2016/P/L.37.

2. *Approves* the proposed two-month extension of the country programme for Botswana, following a two-year extension; the second consecutive one-year extensions of the country programmes for Malawi and Somalia; the second consecutive two-year extension of the country programme for Burundi; and the third consecutive one-year extension of the country programme for Libya, as presented in table 2 in document E/ICEF/2016/P/L.37.

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UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2016-2019

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the planned financial estimates for the period 2016-2019 as contained in document E/ICEF/2016/AB/L.6 as a flexible framework for supporting UNICEF programmes;

2. *Notes* the importance of regular resources, which remain the bedrock of UNICEF support to programme countries, particularly the poorest and most vulnerable, and to the coherence and effectiveness of the United Nations development system;

3. *Also notes* with serious concern the long-term decline in contributions to regular resources and the increasing imbalance between regular and other resources;

4. *Approves* the integrated resources framework of the planned financial estimates for the period 2016-2019 and approves the preparation of programme expenditure submissions to the Executive Board of up to $1.47 billion from regular resources in 2017, subject to the availability of resources and the continued validity of these planned financial estimates;

5. *Requests* UNICEF to provide annual updates to the Executive Board on the progress of funding its reserves for staff liabilities;

6. *Also requests* UNICEF, in collaboration with other relevant funds and programmes, to present to the Executive Board, in accordance with decision 2013/9, all requested information on cost recovery in time to be included in the consultations on the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 and the Integrated Budget, 2018-2021 at its annual session of 2017;

7. *Reiterates* the need to avoid the use of regular resources to subsidize activities financed by other resources, and reaffirms that the guiding principle

governing the financing of all non-programme costs should be based on Executive Board decision 2013/9;

8. *Welcomes* Member States' continued dialogue with UNICEF on funding issues in the structured dialogue on financing, including how to facilitate a shift from highly earmarked resources to regular resources, or less restricted/earmarked resources, and urges Member States to prioritize the provision of regular resources that are flexible, predictable, less earmarked and aligned to the outcomes of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017;

9. *Requests* UNICEF to continue to strengthen the structured dialogue on financing with Member States throughout the year, in accordance with decision 2015/14;

10. *Also requests* UNICEF, in the context of the structured dialogue on financing, to further explore incentives and mechanisms to encourage donor countries and other countries in a position to do so to increase and prioritize regular resources contributions to facilitate a shift to less restricted resources contributions aligned to the Strategic Plan, and to broaden the donor base and attract new sources of funding, including through new approaches to resource mobilization and new forms of support from diversified sources;

11. *Underscores* the importance of UNICEF engagement in United Nations pooled financing mechanisms in the context of the collaborative implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2017

The Executive Board

Adopts the programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2017 as a flexible framework subject to revisions as appropriate in the course of the year.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (date to be confirmed)

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Organizational and procedural matters	**Organizational and procedural matters**	**Organizational and procedural matters**
Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board *(D)* (January 2017) [1]		Proposed programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2018 *(D)*
Programme and policy matters	**Programme and policy matters**	**Programme and policy matters**
Updated road map to and outline of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 *(I)*	Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF (*D*)	UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents *(D)*

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Results-based budgeting and assessment of the resource allocation system *(D)*	UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit[2] *(I)*	Extensions of ongoing country programmes *(D)*
UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents *(D)*	UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, draft for review *(I)*	UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 *(D)*
Extensions of ongoing country programmes *(D)*	Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2014-2017 *(I)*	Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action *(I)*
Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board meetings *(I)*	UNICEF programme cooperation: Country programme documents *(D)* Extensions of ongoing country programmes *(D)*	Gender Action Plan, 2018-2021 *(I)* Structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 *(I)*
Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action *(I)*		
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Evaluation reports and management responses *(I)*	Annual report on the evaluation function and major evaluations in UNICEF, and management perspective *(D)*	Evaluation reports and management responses *(I)*
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	Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF *(I)*	
	Office of Internal Audit and Investigations annual report to the Executive Board, and management response *(D)*	
	UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee annual report for 2016 *(I)*	

[2] The report is considered under the agenda item, "Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF".

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Resources, financial and budgetary matters	**Resources, financial and budgetary matters**	**Resources, financial and budgetary matters**
UNICEF annual financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 and report of the Board of Auditors *(I)*		UNICEF integrated budget, 2018-2021 *(D)*
Private fundraising: 2017 workplan and proposed budget *(D)*		UNICEF integrated budget, 2018-2021: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[3]
		Private fundraising and partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2016 *(I)*
Other matters	**Other matters**	**Other matters**
Provisional list of agenda items for the annual session of 2017	Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association	Provisional list of agenda items for the first regular session of 2018
	Reports of the field visits of the Executive Board (*I*)	
	Provisional list of agenda items for the second regular session of 2017	

Note:

(*D*) — *For decision*: The Secretariat prepares documentation on the agenda item. The Executive Board is expected to discuss and adopt a decision under the agenda item.

(*I*) — *For information*: The secretariat prepares documentation for information. The Executive Board may opt to take a decision under the agenda item.

[3] The report is considered under the agenda item, "UNICEF integrated budget, 2018-2021".